

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	ROBERT DAVID NIELSEN ROBERT D. WILLHOITE DAVID KRAMER	Group Art Unit:	2452
Serial No.:	10/766,246	Examiner:	HIEU T. HOANG
Filed:	JANUARY 28, 2004	Conf. No.:	4149
For:	ASSIGNING TASKS IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM	Atty. Dkt.:	2095.001200/P3162US1
		Customer No.:	62293

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Mailed a Notice of Allowance on April 4, 2011, allowing all of the pending claims 1-6 and 8-37. The due date for paying the Issue Fee is July 5, 2011. This paper is being filed on July 1, 2011, therefore it is timely filed.

It appears that, for convenience, the Examiner has paraphrased the claimed language in the Reasons for Allowance. While the Applicants understand the Examiner's desire to use convenient phraseology, the Applicants note that the proper scope of the claims should be governed based on the express language of the claims themselves in the event there is any inconsistency (actual or perceived) between the claimed language and the Examiner's paraphrasing. Furthermore, words used in the Examiner's paraphrasing should not be construed as claim limitations if the claims themselves do not include the language referenced by the Examiner. Other references or characterizations made by the Examiner in his Reasons for Allowance that are not present in the claims are not to be construed as limitations.

The intended respective scopes of the claims are defined by the respective languages recited in the claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, **the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney** at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

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